

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

by ZANE GREY

FELLED AND ROBBED BY A MAN SWINGING FROM A BRANCH OVERHANGING THE TRAIL, KING CONFIDES HIS SUSPICIONS.

THAT'S A BAD CUT, KING! YOU'D BETTER REST BEFORE RIDING BACK TO SEND THE WIRE!

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE, JINX! IF "DANDY" MACK IS AN ACROBAT HE'S UNDOUBTEDLY THE CRIMINAL!

HMM--SO KING'S GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT, EH? I'VE A REPEAT PERFORMANCE TO DO-- BUT THIS TIME I'LL KILL HIM!

WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, DANDY? THIS AIN'T A DUDE RANCH--

TH' MOUNTIE'S GUESSED THAT I TOOK TH' 10,000 BUCKS-- BUT DON'T WORRY, DOLLY-- I'LL CHANGE HIS MIND! BE BACK SOON!

KING WOULDN'T IT BE SAFER TO WAIT UNTIL DAYLIGHT?

WE'VE GOT TO PRODUCE THE MONEY BEFORE MORNING OR "DOLLY" RANDALL WILL TAKE OVER YOUR RANCH!

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LATER--NEAR THE SCENE OF HIS EARLIER AMBUSH!

KING WON'T EXPECT ANOTHER ATTACK! HE DOESN'T KNOW I OVERHEARD HIS TALK WITH JINX!

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IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT-- I'LL HAVE "DANDY" MACK BEHIND BARS BEFORE HE HAS A CHANCE TO COUNT THAT \$10,000!

6 BUT CROUCHED IN THE TREE AHEAD, DANDY, KNIFE IN HAND, AWAITS!

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